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REDUCED-WEIGHT HARD DISK DRIVE REMOVABLE PROTECTIVE CONTAINER WITH COST-EFFECTIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESS

DESCRIPTION

[Para 1] FIG 1. shows the faceplate design with partial sidewalls from a rear perspective in the removable lightweight frontpiece may have multiple secure or unsecure locking solutions (see FIG. 2). The vibration and shock controlling “tabs” are shown at the top of the frontplate, but could be manufactured in other configurations in a plastic mold injection system or other cost-effective manufacturing process. The vibration and shock control in a lightweight polymer is discussed in US Patent Applications 10/711,104 invented by Paul Douglas Cochrane and filed in the USPTO on August 24, 2004, and 10/924,339, filed August 23, 2004 as well as US Provisional Application 60/554,364, entitled HARD DRIVE HAVEN, filed March 23, 2004, which are all incorporated by reference herein.

[Para 2] FIG. 2 shows a front view of the removable hard drive solution with a quarter turn lock in the rear. The skilled artisan will appreciate that while a secure or non-secure quarter turn may be a preferred embodiment, other configurations are possible. The honeycomb or alternatively, latticed front provides protection while the polymer is strong enough structurally in such a configuration. The thermal benefits of this structure are also part of the “total solution” because of the improved ventilation which is combined with the vibration and shock control of the system. FIG. 3 shows an embodiment designed for commercial use and with improved aesthetics.

What is claimed is:

[Claim 1] A hard disk drive container system made of a strong lightweight polymer in which a frontplate portion of a front portion of said container is configured in a honeycomb formation for weight reduction and which includes a set of vibration control tabs located at least at one edge of said front portion, wherein said control tabs have elasticity in at least one direction.

[Claim 2] The container system as recited in claim 1, wherein said disk drive is removable and further including a locking mechanism.

[Claim 3] The container system as recited in claim 2, wherein said locking mechanism is a quarter-turn.

[Claim 4] The container system as recited in claim 3, wherein said locking mechanism can be secured.

[Claim 5] The container system as recited in claim 1, where said front portion is made from a single plastic injection mold.

[Claim 6] The container system as recited in claim 5, wherein said front portion snaps into a rear portion.

[Claim 7] The container system as recited in claim 1, wherein said polymer is polycarbonate.

ABSTRACT

The invention teaches a reduced-weight vibration, wear and shock resistant removable container for a hard disk drive or other related data storage device. A suitable polymer is manufactured with appropriate vibration reduction "tabs" and a honeycomb or lattice faceplate made of a second strong polymer. A quarter turn lock may be used in conjunction for security purposes and made of another suitable material.

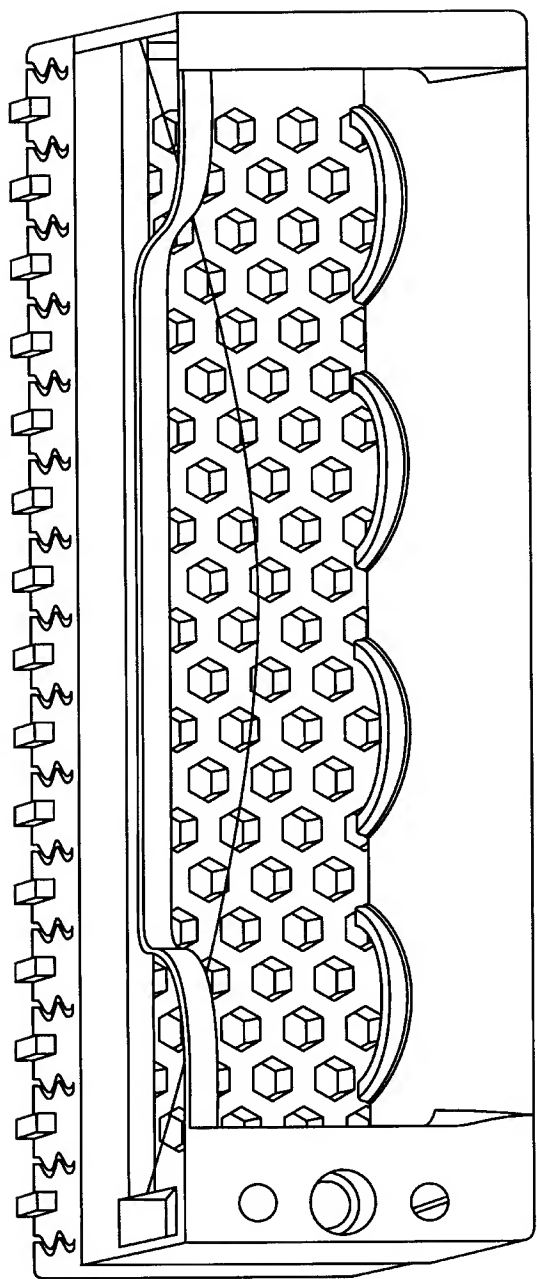


FIG. 1

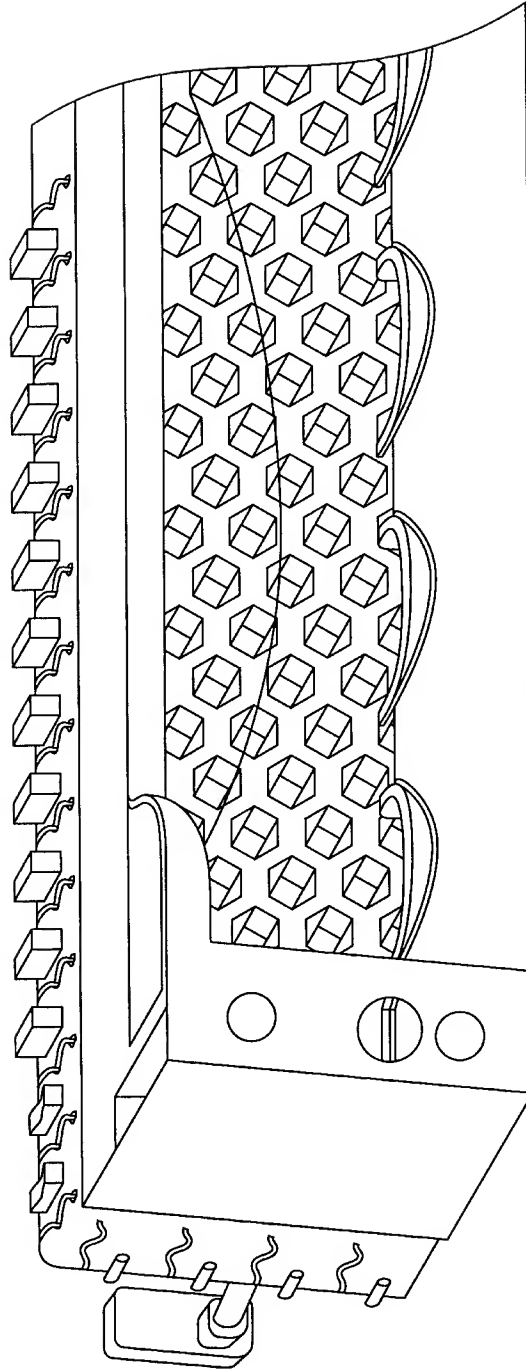


FIG. 2

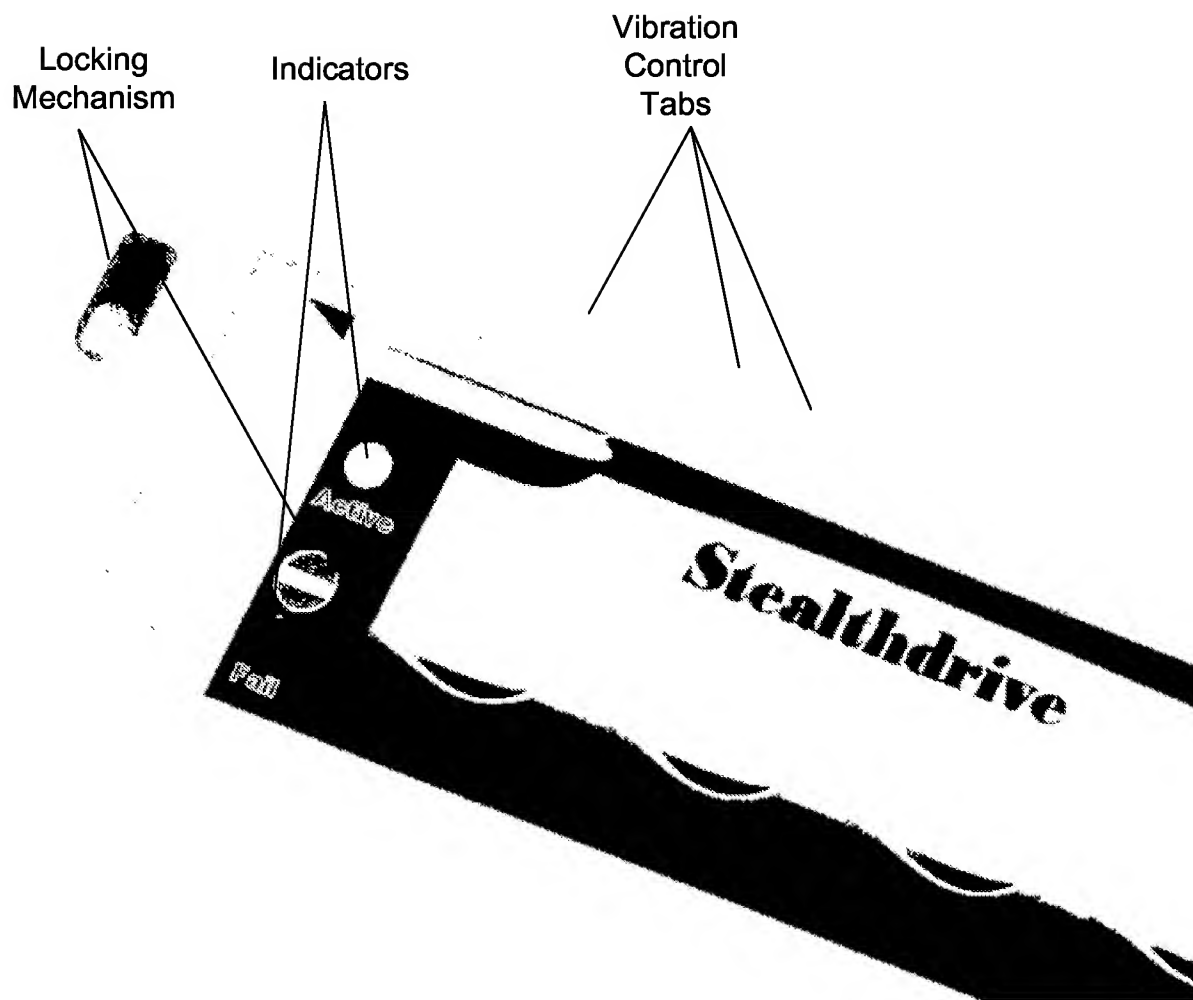


FIG. 3